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PROCESS FOR PRODUCING

THE SAME, NONWOVEN

FABRICS AND USES THEREOF

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 17, delete "BACKGROUND ART" and substitute therefor
--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 2, line 1, after "to" delete "well".

Page 2, line 1, after "absorb" insert --well--.